

REMARKS

The application includes claims 1-33 prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner allows claims 17-23 and indicates claims 2-8 and 10-16 as allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

The examiner rejects claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,862,245 B2).

The applicants amend claims 2 and 10 and cancel claims 24-33 without prejudice.

The application remains with claims 1-23 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Restriction Requirement

The applicants have previously withdrawn claims 24-33 from further consideration responsive to the examiner's restriction requirement. The applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-23, without traverse, and cancel claims 24-33.

Claim Objections

The applicants thank Examiner Pham for allowing claims 17-23 and indicating allowable claims 2-8 and 10-16.

The applicants rewrite claims 2 and 10 in independent form to obviate the examiner's objection.

Claims 2-8 and 10-16 are in condition for the examiner's allowance.

Claim Rejections Under § 102

The examiner rejects claims 1 and 9 as old over Kim. The applicants point out that the U.S. filing date of Kim is June 3, 2003 whereas the Korean priority filing date of the present application is January 30, 2003. The Kim reference, therefore, is not prior art to the present application under § 102(e).

The applicants request the examiner allow claims 1 and 9.

Conclusion

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims. The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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